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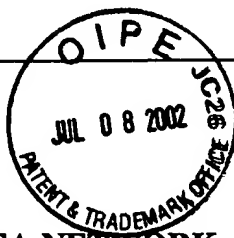
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Sir:

Please find enclosed:

- (1) Preliminary Amendment;
- (2) Return postcard.

Please charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 141449.

Respectfully submitted,

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows. Markups reflecting changes made to the specification are attached.